COLUMBIA RIVER COMPACT/JOINT STATE ACTION NOTICE

Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife

September 25, 2012

2012 Non-Indian Mainstem Commercial Late Fall Fishery	
Season #1	7 PM Thursday September 27 to 5 AM Friday September 28 (10 hours)
Area:	SMCRA 1A, 1B, 1C, 1D, 1E (Zones 1-5)
Sanctuaries: (B) Allowable Sales:	Elokomin-B, Cowlitz River, Kalama-B, Lewis-B, Washougal River and Sandy River. Salmon and white sturgeon. A maximum of 5 white sturgeon may be possessed or sold by each participating vessel during each calendar week (Sunday through Saturday). The white sturgeon possession and sales limit includes mainstem fisheries only. Sales of white sturgeon from fall Select Area fisheries is prohibited.
Season #2	7 PM Sunday September 30 to 7 AM Monday October 1 (12 hours) 7 PM Tuesday October 2 to 7 AM Wednesday October 3 (12 hours)
Area:	SMCRA 1A, 1B, 1C, 1D, 1E (Zones 1-5)
Sanctuaries: (A) Allowable Sales:	Elokomin-A, Cowlitz River, Kalama-A, Lewis-A, Washougal River and Sandy River. Salmon. Sturgeon sales prohibited.
The following applies to both seasons:	
Gear:	Drift gillnets only. 8" minimum mesh size restriction. NO Multiple net rule in effect, which means nets not specifically authorized for use in this fishery may NOT be onboard. Nets fished any time between official sunset and official sunrise must have lighted buoys on both ends of the net. If the net is attached to the boat, then one lighted buoy on the end of the net opposite the boat is required.
24-Hour Quick Report	24-hour quick reporting required for Washington buyers, pursuant to WAC 220-69-240 (d) (iii) Columbia River reports must be submitted within 24 hours of closure of the designated fishery. Submission of a report is not complete until the report arrives at the designated department location. Reports can be made via fax at 360-906-6776 or 360-906-6777; via e-mail at crfishtickets@dfw.wa.gov; or via phone at 1-866-791-1281. (e) Faxing a copy of each fish receiving ticket used, within the previously indicated time frames specified per area, satisfies the reporting requirement.

Future Hearings:

A Joint State/Compact Hearing is scheduled for 11 a.m. Tuesday October 2 to review non-Indian and treaty Indian commercial fisheries and consider modifying the recreational sturgeon fishery upstream of the Wauna powerlines, which is scheduled to re-open for retention October 20.